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1. DCI HAS REQUESTED THAT INTERAGENCY MEMORANDUM BE PREPARED ON LIKELY POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM IN WAKE OF CURRENT REVERSES. BASICALLY, MEMORANDUM WILL ADDRESS FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:4

- WHAT IS THIEU'S POLITICAL STRENGTH AT MOMENT, PROSPECTS FURTHER ON, AND WHAT IS HIS POLITICAL STRATEGY?4
- WHAT ARE PROSPECTS OF THIEU RESIGNING OR BEING PUSHED ASIDE? AND WHO WOULD BE LIKELY SUCCESSORS IF THIS WERE TO OCCUR? WOULD THIS CREATE SITUATION WHERE THERE WAS DANGER OF UNCONTROLLED POLITICAL UNRAVELLING?4
- WHAT IS THE STRENGTH AND PROSPECT FOR "NON-MILITARY," "THIRD-FORCE" ELEMENTS MOVING TO THE FORE, E.G., BIG MINH THANH MEN, FATHER TIME, ETC? WHAT CONDITIONS MIGHT LEAD TO THEIR ASSUMING A MORE IMPORTANT ROLE AND WHAT WOULD BE THE PROSPECTS IF THEY WERE TO DO SO?4

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D. IN ALL OF THE ABOVE, WHAT IS LIKELY TO BE THE COMMUNIST POLITICAL STRATEGY? ARE THEY BENT ON A PURELY MILITARY VICTORY? OR, ARE THEY WILLING TO ATTEMPT SOME MANEUVERING IN THE POLITICAL ARENA? IF SO, UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS, WITH WHOM, AND WITH WHAT PROSPECTS OF SUCCESS? IS ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRG CAPITAL AND PROPAGANDA ABOUT ITS NOW REPRESENTING A SEPARATE "NATION" A LIKELY SCENARIO? WHAT IS STATUS OF PRG VIS-A-VIS HANOI'S POLICY OBJECTIVES?

2. REALIZE THAT STATION IS MUCH BELEAGUERED WITH PRESENT SITUATION, BUT WOULD VALUE ANY INPUT THAT STATION OR VISITING OFFICIALS MIGHT WISH TO MAKE. DEADLINE IS SUCH THAT INPUT WOULD NEED TO BE AVAILABLE NO LATER THAN 0800, FRIDAY, 4 APRIL, WASHINGTON TIME.

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